

REMARKS

In the Office action, the Examiner has determined that claims directed toward four separately patentable inventions are presented in the present application, and has required applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The inventions identified by the Examiner are:

Group I: Claims 1 – 26

Group II: Claim 27

Group III: Claims 28-35

Group IV: Claims 36-45

In response to the restriction/election requirement, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-26.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. FRG-15998.

Respectfully submitted,

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